

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been formally amended in an effort to overcome the Examiner's objections as well as the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. In addition, they have also been amended to provide proper antecedent language for all positively recited features and to overcome other informalities.

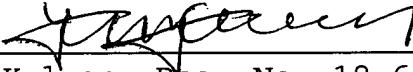
Claim 11 has been presented inadvertently and is a duplication of claim 10. This claim has been canceled and claim 34 has been added to reflect the originally intended subject matter presented in the priority application.

As to the rejection to claim 19, applicants respectfully submit that **one of ordinary skill in the art** would know all the recommendations of the SBS. The information regarding the dimensions of the base body is readily available on the website of SBS "<http://www.sbsonline.org>." On this website it is explained that "Microplate standards define the footprint, the height, the flanges and the well positions of 96, 384 and 1536 well MICROPLATES. These have been established by the SBS along with ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and accredited by ANSI. They are numbered as ANSI-SBS-1 (2004) -

Microplate footprint; ANSI-SBS-2(2004) - Microplate height; ANSI-SBS-3 (2004) - Microplate flange and ANSI-SBS-4 (2204) - Microplate Well Positions." In view of this explanation, the rejection is traversed and allowance of claim 19 is respectfully solicited.

A sincere effort having been made to overcome all grounds of objection and rejection, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10, 12-20, 22-29 and 34 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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